Setting up of small hospitals

759. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up small hospitals to cater to the needs of the population in the slum areas in the country;

(b) if so, what is the number of such hospitals proposed to be set up;

(c) what are the budgetary implications in setting up such small hospitals in the slum areas and the manner in which the expenditure is to be met;

(d) whether Government propose to increase the number of beds in the various hospitals in Delhi; fill up the vacant posts of doctors, set up primary health centres in the slum areas to meet immediate needs of the community and bring the State controlled hospitals under one administrative control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (c) Under the constitution the establishment of Hospitals and dispensaries is the responsibility of the State Governments.

(d) There is no proposal to increase number of beds in existing hospitals in Delhi: In Union Territory of Delhi 20 mobile dispensaries have been deployed by Delhi Administration to cater to the need of the residents of Jhuggi Jhonpri clusters. Immediate efforts are also made to fill up the vacancies of Doctors arising in Government Hospitals in Delhi.

Sjread of hepatitis in Delhi

760. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several parts of Delhi have recently been hit by hepatitis;

(b) if so, the areas where the disease has been spread stating the number of persons affected; and

(c) what preventive measures have been taken by Government to check the spread of water-borne diseases with the outbreak of monsoon, particularly in the slum areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) The information obtained by National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi from seven sentinel Centres involving major hospitals of Delhi and 14 Dispensaries situated in different zones of Delhi, does not indicate any significent increase of viral hepatitis. The details of the cases and death reported are given in the enclosed statements I and II. (*See* below)

(c) The steps being taken to prevent the outbreak of these diseases include surveillance and monitoring, supply of safe drinking water, safe disposal of human-excreta, garbage, refuse etc., improvement of personal hygiene and health education.